**RCW 18.50.005 Definitions.** Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter:

(1) "Advanced registered nurse practitioner" means an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW.

(2) "Department" means the department of health.

(3) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

(4) "Midwife" means a midwife licensed under this chapter.

(5) "Naturopath" means a naturopath licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW.

(6) "Physician" means a physician licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW.

(7) "Physician assistant" means a physician assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW. [2022 c 289 § 1; 1991 c 3 § 102; 1987 c 467 § 1; 1981 c 53 § 2.]

**Effective date—1981 c 53:** "Sections 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 through 17 of this act shall take effect January 15, 1982." [1981 c 53 § 19.]